

July 8 who is now here & thinks it hard to be kept out of his Money, he has Purchased a Vessel of M^r McBride & the order above mentioned is in part paym^t a disapointment will be attended with very disagreeable Consequences to a stranger who I know wishes the Cause Well & it was his desire that the State sh^d have these Blankets, not doubting but when he wanted the money he could Command it. I do not only Request paym^t of the above Bill, (w^{ch} M^r McBride says he can in some measure make easy to you) but for the whole Ballance of the Blankets as the French Gent will leave the Continent in the course of two weeks & will want the whole of his Money to Load & fit out his vessel. I therefore most Earnestly Request that you will please to furnish M^r Keypott with money sufficient for this Purpose, the money you p^d M^r Blake is all that has been p^d on Acc^t of the Blankets & the Ball^{ce} (Including the above mentioned Bill) is now £53750.

NB. Since Writing the forgoing I have found it Necessary to make the Bill Twenty five thousand two Hundred & thirty Pounds Twelve Shillings & six pence say £25230.12.6 w^{ch} M^r McBride Promises to make the paym^t Easy to you & hope you will Satisfie him

July 8 [Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to His Excy Govr Lee]
 Red Book
 No. 7
 Letter
 No. 55
 Sir You will receive herewith enclosed an Act of Congress of the 7th Instant, recommending to the State of Maryland to grant Permission to such Agent as the Minister of France shall appoint to purchase in that state any Quantity of Flour not exceeding three thousand Barrels and ship the same to such of the Spanish Colonies in the West Indies as he may direct.

This recommendation is founded on the special request of his Catholic Majesty through the Minister of France to supply the spanish Armament lately arrived in the West Indies

The Minister of France I have no Doubt from his Prudence and good Intentions to serve these States will direct the Purchase in such Manner as shall be most agreeable to you, and best prevent any ill Consequences arising therefrom.

There is no room to doubt from the Nature of the Case, this request will be complied with if the Flour can be spared from the State of Maryland.

July 9 [Richard Harwood Jr, to Council]

[Recommends Robert Welch Jr. for a Captaincy in the new regiment as a man of "great sobriety and assiduity and well attached to his country" James Tootell, Annapolis also recommends Welch.]

July 10 [Wm. Hopewell, Salisbury, to Gov. Lee]

[Asks command of extra regiment and that he be given an answer "as quick as possible."]